

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A connector for connecting a cord member of a window blind to the window blind, said connector comprising:

a supporting member having a base provided with a coupling portion, and a mounting portion, said coupling portion of the base having a receiving space and an escape opening communicated with said receiving space and having a diameter smaller than that of said receiving space;

a coupling member including a compressible retaining portion having a diameter smaller than that of the receiving space and slightly greater than that of the escape opening, and a cord member tie portion for connection of the cord member, said retaining portion of said coupling member being received in said receiving space of said coupling portion of said base and stopped above said escape opening of said coupling portion of said base;

wherein when the cord member, which is connected to the cord member tie portion of said coupling member, received an external force over a predetermined level, said

compressible retaining portion of said coupling member is compressed to reduce the diameter thereof and said escape opening of said coupling portion of said base is pressed to increase the diameter thereof for enabling pass of the retaining portion of said coupling member through the escape opening of said coupling portion of said base.

2. (Original) The connector as claimed in claim 1, wherein said receiving space of said coupling portion of said base is a cylindrical through hole extended through top and bottom side walls of said base of said supporting member and having a reduced bottom end forming said escape opening; and said coupling member further comprises a body portion connected between said compressible retaining portion and said cord member tie portion, said body portion of said coupling member having a diameter smaller than that of the escaping opening; said compressible retaining portion is an expanded head formed at one end of said body portion.

3. (Original) The connector as claimed in claim 2, wherein said expanded head of said compressible retaining portion of said coupling member has a plurality of radial splits.

4. (Currently Amended) A connector for connecting a cord member of a window blind to the window blind, said connector comprising:

a supporting member having a base provided with a coupling portion, and a mounting portion, said coupling portion of the base having a receiving space and an escape opening communicated with said receiving space and having a diameter smaller than that of said receiving space;

a coupling member including a retaining portion having a diameter smaller than that of the receiving space and slightly greater than that of the escape opening, and a cord member tie portion for connection of the cord member, said retaining portion of said coupling member being received in said receiving space of said coupling portion of said base and stopped above said escape opening of said coupling portion of said base;

wherein when the cord member, which is connected to the cord member tie portion of said coupling member, received an external force over a predetermined level, said escape opening of said coupling portion of said base IS pressed to increase the diameter thereof for enabling pass of the retaining portion of said coupling member through the escape opening of said coupling portion of said base;

wherein said mounting portion of said supporting member has an elongated slot.

5. (Original) The connector as claimed in claim 4, wherein said mounting portion of said supporting member is a flat flange extended from one side of said base.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The connector as claimed in claim 4, wherein said base is a downwardly extended flat plate member;

said escape opening of said coupling portion of said base of said supporting member is a crevice extended from said receiving space to a periphery of said base;

said coupling member comprises a round head stopped at one side of said base of said supporting member and a collar extended around the periphery thereof and stopped at the other side of said base of said supporting member opposite to said round head member, said round head and said collar respectively having a diameter greater than that of the receiving space.

8. (Original) The connector as claimed in claim 7, wherein said crevice is a curved crevice.

9. (Original) A connector for connecting a cord member of a window blind to the window blind, said connector comprising:

a supporting member having a base provided with a coupling portion, and a mounting portion, said coupling portion of the base having a receiving space and an escape opening, communicated with said receiving space and having a diameter smaller than that of said receiving space;

a coupling member including a compressible retaining portion having a diameter smaller than that of the receiving space and slightly greater than that of the escape opening, and a cord member tie portion for connection of the cord member, said retaining portion of said coupling member being received in said receiving space of said coupling portion of said base and stopped above said escape opening of said coupling portion of said base;

wherein when the cord member, which is connected to the cord member tie portion of said coupling member, received an external force over a predetermined level, said compressible retaining portion of said coupling member is compressed to reduce the diameter thereof for enabling pass of

the retaining portion of said coupling member through the escape opening of said coupling portion of said base.

10. (Original) The connector as claimed in claim 9, wherein said coupling member is comprised of two springy arms, said springy arms each having a free end forming said retaining portion, said retaining portions being passable through said escape opening when said springy arms squeezed toward each other.

11. (Original) The connector as claimed in claim 9, wherein said mounting portion of said supporting member has a wire hole.

12. (Canceled)